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PSC receives grant for oral history project ***Agency's 75th anniversary provides impetus to record stories***

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 12, 2009) – The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC), which this week is marking 75 years of service to the Commonwealth, has received a grant to begin recording an oral history of the agency.

The technical assistance grant from the Kentucky Oral History Commission will provide equipment for recording interviews and will train PSC employees to collect oral histories from former commissioners and employees and from long-serving current PSC staff members.

"Over its 75 years, the PSC has left a lengthy paper trail," PSC Chairman David Armstrong said. "This grant will enable us to record and preserve some of the fascinating stories behind all those documents."

The oral history project was initiated in connection with the PSC's 75th anniversary this year. An anniversary celebration on Wednesday, Oct. 14, will include a reunion of former commissioners. All have been asked to participate in the project.

"So much of what happens in any organization is retained only in the memories of those who were present at the event," PSC Vice Chairman Jim Gardner said. "This project will keep some of those memories from being lost."

Recordings collected during the project will be kept at the PSC and at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort, where they will be available to historians and other researchers.

"In just a few months at the PSC, I already have heard many stories that are far too interesting to be lost to time," Commissioner Charlie Borders said. "I hope this project captures them for others to enjoy."